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A Public Garden in Manama. Photo : The Author.

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The Manama Fort.

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Aerial view of the tumuli of Aali. In the background, to the right of the photo, the Jebel ad-Dukhan can be seen.

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Adari Pool.

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There was a small increase in house tax collections but the sum of Rs. 3,370/-, owing to the Municipality, was written off as most of the 853 persons who were indebted had left Bahrain, which suggests some laxity on the part of tax collectors. Shop taxes, including market tax, produced less than in 1371. Shops are divided into two categories and pay Rs. 2/- and Rs. 1/8 per month, which is a very low rate, they should be assessed according to the rentals.

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The total expenditure was Rs. 3,23,600, it was Rs. 66,000 less than the estimated expenditure but exceeded the previous year's expenditure by Rs. 83,000. The largest item of expenditure was on widening roads and most of this amount was spent on compensating house owners for cutting part of their property.

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Municipal Activities. Two roads were surfaced with cold patch and another road was metalled and surfaced by the P.W.D., 58 new street lights were installed. The usual town cleaning services were effectively carried out and Municipal Officials were active in supervising the sale of fresh fruit and in inspecting animals in the slaughterhouse.

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During the year 16 new stone houses were built and 1,500 permits were issued for repairing stone houses and shops. Only 53 permits were issued for building or repairing baristis, as against 200 in the previous year. There were 285 unoccupied houses and compounds.

There was some building activity on the northern edge of the town where building plots have been bought from the Government and from the Municipality by persons wishing to build stone houses.

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On his return from England His Highness decided that a public garden should be made on the north side of Muharraq on a large triangular piece of land which was reclaimed from the sea shore by being filled with town rubbish.

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The Finance Committee at the end of the year again submitted a budget showing an anticipated deficit of Rs. 86,000.

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1372

Revenue				Expenditure			
House Tax	Rs. 41,169	3	9	Staff Salaries	Rs. 72,698	3	6
Shop Tax	23,860	9	0	Office Expenditure	3,450	0	0
Government Grant	1,00,000	0	0	Transport	41,010	0	6
H.H. Grant*	1,00,000	0	0	Upkeep of Roads	55,874	7	0
Wood, Ghee and Sheep Tax	26,673	3	6	Widening of Roads	91,834	4	0
Rent of Municipal property	20,731	5	0	Town Cleaning	43,050	8	6
Building and Masonic fees	3,928	8	0	Town Lighting	4,531	1	0
Miscellaneous Taxes and Fees	9,248	7	0	Upkeep of Public Wells	2,180	6	0
Water Rent	1,699	0	0	Pauper Burials	5,104	0	0
				Miscellaneous Fees	3,190	3	0
				Upkeep of Municipal Property	373	12	0
				Poor Relief	381	2	0
					Rs. 3,23,678	0	6
				Surplus of Revenue	3,632	3	9
	Rs. 3,27,310	4	3		Rs. 3,27,310	4	3

*Rs. 70,859/- was paid direct to the Government to settle its outstanding account.

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Modern Villas in Manamah

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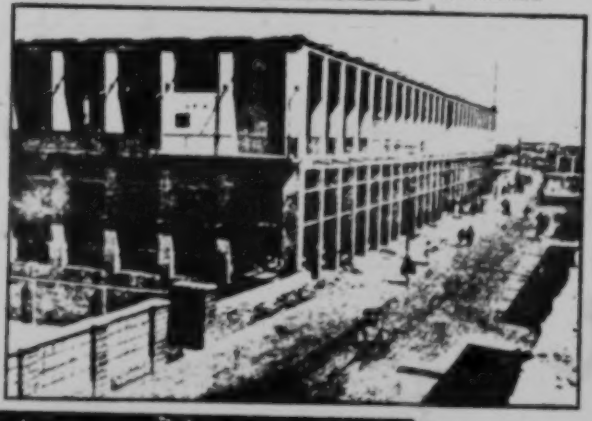

A Street in Manamah

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Municipal Gardens, Manamah

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